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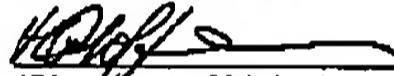
RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT to no-final
Office Action of July 2, 2004
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APPLICANT(S):	Petros Tsipouras	GROUP ART UNIT:	1631
APPLICATION SERIAL NO.:	10/091,360	EXAMINER:	CLOW, LORI A. Tel: 571-272-0715
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TITLE OF APPLICATION:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER CONTROLLED RARE CELL, INCLUDING FETAL CELL, BASED DIAGNOSIS.		

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 2, 2004 AND AMENDMENT**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this document and attachments as responsive to the above referenced office action and/or communication from the USPTO. Two affidavits of the present inventors under Rule 132 are attached hereto.

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• Request for Entrance of Response

Applicant respectfully requests that the following response be entered as responsive to the July 2, 2004 Office Action ("Office Action").

▪ Requests for Extension/ Fees Due

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time for this response to non-final Office action up to and including December 2, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 03-3975.

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• **Format of this Response**

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Only one version of the claims with markings to show changes are provided in accordance with such regulation (underlining to show additions and strike-through marks or [[]]) (for deletion of five or less characters) to indicate deleted material). A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were in the application, delineated as either (Original), (Currently Amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), or (Not entered), are presented. A complete listing of the claims commence on a separate sheet of this document with the text of "canceled" or "not entered" claims not being presented as set forth in the revised rules. As such claims are not to be presented, concurrent "canceled" or "not entered" claims may be aggregated in respect of delineation of status. Withdrawn claims and claims unamended are shown without mark-up.

If a substitute specification is submitted herein, a clean form and marked-up version are included. Amendments to drawings, if any, are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 on replacement sheets as an attachment to this document (with an accompanying detailed explanation of all of the changes with respect to the drawings made in the remarks section of this amendment.

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